

**Town Manager's Office
Town of Mansfield**

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: June 27, 2016
Re: Town Manager's Report

Below please find my report concerning various items of interest to the Town Council, the staff, and the community:

Council Business

- *Agreement between the Town of Mansfield, the Mansfield Board of Education and the Regional School District No. 19 Board of Education for Employee Benefits, Financial Management, Information Technology and Risk Management Services* – Staff is preparing the cost analysis requested by the Council to compare the existing cost allocation with the proposed allocation. Because we need to review the analysis with all the parties, we were not prepared to carry the item as old business on tonight's agenda. We will plan to continue the Council's review of the proposed agreement at one of the July 2016 meetings.
- *Masonicare Project* – Given the company's construction schedule and the pending completion of the Connecticut Water Company's interconnection, Masonicare is preparing to move forward with development of its independent/assisted living project on Maple Road in Mansfield. Masonicare will be in town on Monday, July 11 to meet with the staff and to make a presentation at the Senior Center. Also on July 11, Masonicare will provide the Town Council with a project update at a special meeting scheduled for 6:00PM in advance of the Council's regular meeting that evening.
- *Mansfield/UCONN Sewer Agreement* – Staff is working on the follow-up items noted at the Council's June 21, 2016 special meeting on this topic, and will be prepared to continue the discussion of this topic at one of the Council's July meetings.
- *Town Council Goals* – Council will recall that we last discussed this item in April of this year and you asked that we schedule a special meeting to review the topic following the completion of the FY17 budget process. With everyone's busy schedules, it is difficult to schedule a special meeting, especially during this time of the year. I have discussed this issue with the Mayor and we suggest that I make another effort to refine the draft goals for continued discussion at a *regular* meeting. In that case, we would hold off on scheduling another special meeting unless necessary. Let us know your thoughts on this suggestion.
- *UCONN/WRTD Fare Free Program* – UCONN has negotiated an agreement the Windham Region Transit District (WRTD) in which the University will offer discounted bus passes to its affiliates at a discounted rate of \$60 for a six-month period (7/1/16 – 12/31/16). The passes are valid for use on both the Storrs-Willimantic bus as well as the Willimantic city bus route. UCONN ID's will be required at the time of purchase.

Departmental Reports

- *Parks and Recreation, Challenge Program* – The participants in this year's Challenge Program departed for their trip on Sunday, June 19 and returned on Thursday, June 23. Sixteen Mansfield Middle School students, eight from 7th grade and eight from 8th grade, eight boys and eight girls, challenged themselves to a rigorous trip featuring hiking and camping along the Appalachian Trail, canoeing on the Housatonic River, and rock climbing and repelling at St. Johns

Ledges. Experienced staff from the Mansfield Middle School, E.O. Smith High School, Youth Services, and Parks and Recreation led the group. A formal wrap-up to this year's program will take place on Wednesday, July 6 beginning at 7:00 PM at the Community Center. Council Members are invited to attend and hear a summary of the trip and listen to participants describe their experience. This year's program was partially funded by a \$5,000 contribution from the Gawlicki Family Foundation and a \$350 contribution from the Mansfield Lions Club.

- *Mansfield Downtown Partnership, John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield* – The 11th Annual John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield took place on Saturday, June 18. Over 100 riders of all ages enjoyed three different routes through Mansfield on a beautiful, sunny day. The event was presented by the Town, Mansfield Community Center, and Mansfield Downtown Partnership with the generous support of Gold Sponsors: Mansfield OB/GYN and Storrs Center Cycle; Silver Sponsor: The Merchants at Storrs Commons; and Bronze Sponsors: Grounding Touch Therapeutic Massage, Milrick Lawn Service & Garden Center, and Subway. Several community members volunteered at the event, including members of the Mansfield Fire Fighter's Association and Bike Mansfield. Thanks to all for a great day of cycling!

Upcoming Events

- *Storrs Farmers Market* - The Storrs Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 3:00 to 6:00 PM through Thanksgiving on the front lawn of the Mansfield Town Hall. Everything sold at the Market is grown and produced in Connecticut. In fact, the average distance from farm to market is just under 10 miles! For more information, please visit storrsfarmersmarket.org.
- *Summer Concerts on the Square* – The Mansfield Downtown Partnership and the Town of Mansfield invite residents to attend the 2016 Summer Concerts on the Square, presented by Connecticut Water! Every Thursday in June and July, enjoy live music on the Town Square from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. The concerts are free and open to the public. See the full schedule and videos of each band at mansfieldmusic.org. The Summer Concerts on the Square are made possible with the generous support of Connecticut Water, UConn First Summer, Main Street Homes at Storrs Center, The Oaks on the Square, and Storrs Center Retail.
- *Summer Fun in Storrs* – Visit mansfieldct.gov/summer for a look at all of the activities planned in the downtown this summer. From movies and musicals to concerts and puppets, there's something for every age to enjoy!

Upcoming Meetings*

- Traffic Authority, June 28, 2016, 9:00 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Climate Action Task Force, June 28, 2016, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Ad Hoc Committee on Rental Housing Regulations, June 29, 2016, 5:30 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Agriculture Committee, July 5, 2016, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, July 5, 2016, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Special Town Council Meeting, July 11, 2016, 6:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council Meeting, July 11, 2016, 7:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

**Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the [Town Calendar](#) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 860-429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*